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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE date-stamped of April 13, 2006. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action of October 18, 2007, does not include the Examiner's initials next to U.S. Patent No. 6,310,184. The entirety of the PTO-1449 Form has been initialed by the Examiner on August 20, 2007, and the other references indicated as having been specifically considered by initialing next to each of the references. U.S. Patent No. 6,310,184 however does not include in the left-hand column the Examiner's initials. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed April 13, 2006, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE date-stamped of September 21, 2004. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action of October 18, 2007, does not include the

Examiner's initials next to the Kurihara et al and Praul et al references. The entirety of the PTO-1449 Form has been initialed by the Examiner on August 20, 2007, and the other references indicated as having been specifically considered by initialing next to each of the references. The Kurihara et al and Praul et al references however do not include in the left-hand column the Examiner's initials. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed September 21, 2004, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

The Examiner is also requested to confirm that the figures filed July 12, 2005, are acceptable or advise the undersigned of any specific objection or rejection of the same.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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